

# The Michael Curry Summer Internship Program

The Michael Curry Summer Internship Program offers college juniors, seniors and graduate students in all disciplines (including law) an opportunity to work in one of the agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor on a full-time basis for ten weeks over the summer. Positions are available in Springfield and Chicago.

Eligible applicants must be Illinois residents who have not previously participated in the Curry Internship Program. Curry interns will receive a stipend of \$1,346 per month.

The application will go online before the end of the year and all applications must be submitted before February 29, 2016 at midnight (12:00am CST).

Applicants are asked to choose their top 3 preferred placements from the following agencies:

- Capital Development Board (Springfield)
- Department of Insurance (Chicago)
- Illinois Finance Authority (Chicago)
- Department of Financial & Professional Regulation (Chicago & Springfield)
- Teachers' Retirement System
- Department of Natural Resources (Springfield)
- Pollution Control Board (Springfield)
- Board of Higher Education
- Lottery
- Toll Highway Authority (Chicago area)
- Department of Juvenile Justice (Chicago & Springfield)
- Department of Corrections (Springfield)

## Applying for the Internship Program

The application process for the 2016 Michael Curry Interns is done completely online.

The deadline for applications is **February 29, 2016 at midnight (12:00am CST)**. Letters of recommendation will be accepted until close of business on Thursday, March 10, 2016.

**The following documents are necessary for your application to be considered:**

1. Completed Application
2. Completed Personal Statement
3. Completed Policy Essay
4. A copy of the applicant's official or unofficial academic transcript

*A resume or curriculum vitae can be provided as a supplement in addition to the above documents*

**The applications and any other supplementary documents will be sent to**  
**[GOV.CurryInternship@illinois.gov](mailto:GOV.CurryInternship@illinois.gov)**

This is where the applicant will send the **application, personal statement, policy essay, academic transcript (official or unofficial)** as well as any other necessary documents

### Questions & Concerns

If you have further questions about the Michael Curry Internships, please contact Alex Caton, at (312) 814-5969 or [Alexander.Caton@illinois.gov](mailto:Alexander.Caton@illinois.gov)

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(resume, CV, etc.) **all attached in one e-mail with the subject line "[Last Name] [First Name] Curry Internship Application Documents"**

## Application Process:

1. Download the [Curry Internship Application 2016](#) and fill out completely

Note: please do not copy and paste your attached resume or CV into the application fields

Save this document as "**[Last Name] [First Name] Curry Application**"

2. **Compose a personal statement** that addresses the below questions. In the header, please include your first and last name and note the date of composition.
  - a. Why do you feel you would be a good candidate for the Curry Internship?
  - b. How does the Internship fit into your professional aspirations and career goals?
  - c. What will you contribute to your preferred agencies?

Please limit your letter to 300 words or less

Save this document as "**[Last Name] [First Name] Curry Personal Statement**"

3. **Compose a policy essay** that addresses the prompt below. In the header, please include your first and last name and note the date of composition.

Please identify and analyze a public policy issue that you feel has a great impact on the future well-being of State of Illinois. State the issue clearly and provide your opinion on a practical solution. Include facts and supporting arguments.

Please limit your essay to 700 words or less

Save this document as "**[Last Name] [First Name] Curry Policy Essay**"

4. **Attach a PDF copy of your academic transcript** (official or unofficial)

**The applicant may choose to attach an updated resume or curriculum vitae if they feel it adds value to their application**

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The documents will only be accepted if they are all attached and titled correctly with the subject line "**[Last Name] [First Name] Curry Internship Application**"

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